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	:	SUPREME COURT OF
	:	NEW JERSEY
	:	ADVISORY COMMITTEE
	:	ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
IN THE MATTER OF	:	
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ROMAN A. MONTES	:	
JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT	:	DOCKET NO. ACJC 2013-130
	:	
	:	Civil Action
	:	
	:	ANSWER

The Respondent, Roman A. Montes, by way of answer to the complaint filed herein, says:

1. The allegations contained in paragraph 1 are admitted.
2. The allegations contained in paragraph 2 are admitted.
3. The allegations contained in paragraph 3 are admitted.
4. The allegations contained in paragraph 4 are admitted.
5. The allegations contained in paragraph 5 are admitted except to state that the dancer did not dance exclusively for the Respondent.
6. The allegations contained in paragraph 6 are admitted.
7. The allegations contained in paragraph 7 are admitted.

8. The allegations contained in paragraph 8 are admitted except to state that the Respondent, in a two (2) week period, would have presided over approximately 1,000 cases in the Municipal Courts in which he presides, accounting for his non-recognition of Ms. Peralta.

9. The allegations contained in paragraph 9 are admitted.

10. The allegations contained in paragraph 10 are admitted.

11. The allegations contained in paragraph 11 are admitted.

12. The allegations contained in paragraph 12 are admitted except to state that the Respondent, at no time, indicated that he would communicate with the Judge in Clark or assist in any way, in the pending Martinez matter.

13. The allegations contained in paragraph 13 are admitted.

14. The allegations contained in paragraph 14 are admitted.

15. The allegations contained in paragraph 15 are admitted.

16. The allegations contained in paragraph 16 are admitted.

17. The Respondent is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 17.

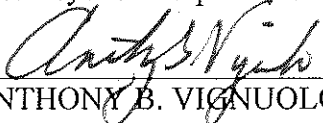
18. The Respondent admits a conversation with the Clark Municipal Judge which the Judge initiated but denies any admission of having a sexual relationship with the victim.

19. The Respondent denies the allegations contained in paragraph 19. The Respondent immediately acted to terminate any involvement, whatsoever, with the Martinez matter upon his realization of a conflict. Thereafter, any communication between the Respondent and the complainant, in the Martinez case between December 13 and December 27, 2012, was made with the understanding that the Martinez case had been transferred from the jurisdiction of the Rahway Municipal Court.

20. The Respondent denies the allegations contained in paragraph 20. The Respondent immediately acted to terminate any involvement, whatsoever, with the Martinez matter upon his realization of a conflict. Thereafter, any communication between the Respondent and the complainant, in the Martinez case between December 13 and December 27, 2012, was made with the understanding that the Martinez case had been transferred from the jurisdiction of the Rahway Municipal Court.

WHEREFORE, Respondent demands judgment dismissing the complaint.

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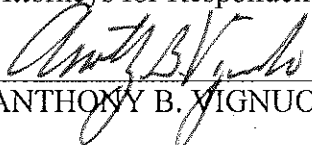


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Dated: August 20, 2013

I certify that the within pleading has been filed within the time prescribed by the Rules of Court.

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Dated: August 20, 2013